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Subject: Formation of a Working Group on Regulatory GAP Assessment in the Offshore Sector on a Volunteer Basis

In order to enhance the safety, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance of the offshore sector, the Directorate General of Shipping is constituting a **Working Group** for the **Regulatory GAP Assessment in Offshore Sector** on a Volunteer Basis. The group will focus on the training and competency requirements for offshore personnel, with specific attention to areas not covered by the STCW (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Convention.

A. Composition of the Working group:

The working group shall consist of the following members, representing a broad spectrum of industry expertise across offshore operations and maritime services.

Sr. No.	Name	Organisation
1	Shri Shubham Khandelwal	Aban Singapore Pte Ltd / International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC)
2	Shri Sanjay Kumar Viswanatha Menon	Aban Singapore Pte Ltd /IADC
3	Capt Oniel V Dhir	ABS Marine Services Limited
4	Shri Ravi Kumar Gummalla	Dynamic Drilling
5	Shri Lokanath Tripathy	Greatship India Limited
6	Shri Christopher Rodricks	IMCA
7	Shri Rajeev Nayyer	Institute of Marine Engineers (India)
8	Shri Vedant Choudhury	Sadhav Shipping Ltd.
9	Shri K T Thomas	Seamec Limited
10	Shri Sarthak Sinha	Shelf Drilling / IADC
11	Shri Prasad Palakil Mavilavalappil	SHM Shipcare Private Limited
12	Shri Devang Shah	Survival Systems India
13	Shri Ramalingam Natesan	Westfield Energy India Pvt Ltd
14	Shri Rajonish Boruah	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)
15	Smt. Sara Verghese	Maersk Training

B. Objective:

The primary objectives of this working group are as follows:

1. **Analyze prevailing Training and Competency Structures:** To assess the prevailing frameworks related to offshore operations such as Drilling rigs, FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading units), Operation of Diving Support Vessels, DP (Dynamic Positioning) Operations, Pipe laying, Off Shore Support vessels and Oil Spill Response etc.
2. **Suggest Implementation and Evaluation Guidelines:** To verify and suggest, whether identified training programs are implemented effectively, and their impact is measured accurately. Training Needs Assessment (TNA) will play a critical role in identifying necessary training modules, target personnel, delivery methods, and existing and ideal evaluation protocols.

C. Terms of Reference:

1. **Training and Competency Needs Assessment:** To assess and identify gaps in the prevailing training and competency for aspects those are not covered under the STCW Convention but are critical to the offshore industry, particularly in areas of operational, occupational health, and safety.
2. **Regulatory GAP Assessment:** To conduct an assessment of regulatory gaps that are relevant to training and competency standards in the offshore sector, recommending improvements for compliance and regulatory backing.
3. **Further Suggestions:** To suggest any additional measures that may enhance the training framework, safety procedures, or regulatory guidelines for the offshore sector.

D. Desired Outcome:

The expected outcomes of this working group include:

1. Development of **Training Modules** tailored to the needs identified by the group.
2. Suggestions to ensure **Uniformity Across the Offshore Industry** in training and competency levels, thereby maintaining consistent safety and efficiency standards.
3. Suggestions for facilitating the **Smooth Implementation** of standardized training programs across the sector.
4. Enhancing **Accountability and Transparency** by clearly defining roles and responsibilities for training and compliance, accreditation and implementation.

This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.



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